

## REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 28, 2003. Attached hereto, therefore, are a Request for a Three-Month Extension of Time and the appropriate fee.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 8-11, and 18-21. At this time, Applicant is canceling Claims 1-7, and 12 –17, without prejudice, in order to take a patent on allowable Claims 8-11, and 18-21 rewritten to incorporate the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant may file a continuation application to further pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims.

It appearing that all pending Claims are in patentable condition, Applicant earnestly solicits a Notice of Allowance. Applicant encourages the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney if it appears that a telephone conference would further this case in any way.

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